Fire, Ice and Fog

Fog, fire and ice. They all seem to be insignificant and seem to be two simple words, but the poets used metaphors and deepened the meanings of these words. Robert Frost says that the world will end in fire or ice. From the poem we understand the connotation of these words. Fire symbolizes desire like being jealous and lustful for something. There is ice which is the symbol for hatred. He says “ I hold with those who favor fire’’ which means he thinks that when people get too controlled by their desires, lust etc, they are more dangerous than being controlled by their hatred and doing cold blooded acts. He concludes that they are both very dangerous. Before I read this poem, I knew that ice was something bad because almost all the time there is no good in cold. They even say that '' revenge is a dish best served cold '' which is actually really related to the ice mentioned in the poem. To me, fire was something good if you can keep your distance with it. If you get too close to it you will get burnt, but if you are too far away from it you won’t feel its warmth. In my opinion, being in the middle would be the best option, you should have desires but you shouldn’t get too lustful and get controlled by it. I think the poet, Robert Frost, is actually right about both ice and fire but he could have thought about these two things more positively. The poet didn’t really change the way I think about these two things, but he showed me a new perspective to look at fire and ice. In the poem Fog by Carl Sandburg, he used a very simple language that everyone can understand and this is what he is known for, too. We can even understand everything just by reading the first two lines and get the meaning of what he is trying to tell us. He uses a metaphor and says that cats and fogs are alike. The fog wanders around like a cat and walks slowly and without making noise. One minute it is there and a few minutes later you see that it is not there because it moved on. I thought that fog was something bad, fog was like a thief for me. It moved on without us noticing and is grey and opaque so you can’t see through it etc. The poet used cats for

the metaphor so I thought about as something really good because cats are creatures that are cute and harmless.

I liked both of the poems a lot but I think Fire and Ice was better for me and more powerful because it had a really deep meaning and you can’t get what those two symbols mean without thinking, and a poem needs to make the reader think about it. This may make a difference to other people and this is what I like in poems - others can find simplicity more amusing.

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